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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Apart from the question of rules, the hon. the Minister for Education being responsible to this House for the exercise of his discretion, will he be pleased to say whether in making these appointments he paid any attention to the educational qualifications of the persons appointed as Presidents to these bodies ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" Persons of good common sense and business habits, persons of reliable nature and character have been chosen for the posts of presidents of these bodies."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Is it suggested, Sir, that the educational qualifications of a person are inconsistent with these very desirable qualities ? "

(No answer.)

District Secondary Education Boards.

348 *Q.*—Mr. YAHYA ALI SAHIB : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the attention of the Government has been invited to the proceedings R.O.C. No. 2515-D/23, dated the 13th December 1923, of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, directing that no papers need be referred to District Secondary Education Boards, unless the Director or the Government specially order such reference in specific cases ; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to rescind the said proceedings and delegate to the said boards all powers relating to secondary institutions and the other subjects enumerated in paragraph 2 of G.O. No. 24, dated the 5th January 1923, place them on a par with the District Educational Councils ?

A.—(*a*) The Government have since perused the proceedings referred to.

(*b*) No. It was issued only to prevent routine matters being needlessly placed before the boards by the inspecting officers causing delay to ordinary flow of work of routine character.

Mr. YAHYA ALI SAHIB :—" May I ask, Sir, if it is the function of the Director of Public Instruction to shut out from the consideration of district secondary education boards whatever paper he likes ?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" The answer is in the negative."

Mr. YAHYA ALI SAHIB :—" Will the Government be pleased to frame rules defining the Powers of presidents of district secondary education boards in the matter referred to in the question ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" As difficulties are disclosed rules will be framed to meet them."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Is there any definition in the Government offices as to the phrase " routine matters ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" My hon. Friend evidently wants some training in some Secretariat office, and then he will know what a routine matter is."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" That is an impertinent answer ".

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" Quite deserving."